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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 23-Aug-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	08/23/03	08/16/03
BRO-FRY	164,090	166,729
LT HENS	1,369	1,226
HVY HENS	1,592	1,534

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
 WEEK ENDING 16-Aug-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD			
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	U N A V A I L A B L E		
SAME WEEK YR AGO			
TO-DATE/2003			
TO-DATE/2002			

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD			
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	U N A V A I L A B L E		
SAME WEEK YR AGO			
TO-DATE/2003			
TO-DATE/2002			

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 16-Aug-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	161,757	1,225	1,483	2,708
AVG WT	5.18	3.54	7.95	5.96
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS				
LAST WEEK	160,883	1,044	1,471	2,515
SAME WK YR AGO	159,433	1,764	1,523	3,287
AVG WT	5.12	3.65	7.91	5.62
TO-DATE/2003	5,049,000	50,688	45,560	96,248
TO-DATE/2002	5,114,477	58,263	45,188	103,451

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 161.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 163.7 million head or 2 million head more than or 101% of estimated fryers available.

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 09-Aug-03**

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE	(B) RETAIL	(C) DEBONING
4.20 LBS & DOWN	4.21-5.25 LBS	5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

Head	22,630	22,655	50,566
Avg Weight	3.77	4.69	6.05
% of total /1	24%	24%	53%

COMPARISONS

Last week	21,506	25,470	42,988
Avg Weight	3.79	4.87	5.99
% of total /1	24%	28%	48%

Same week, yr ago /2	17,251	21,381	28,745
Avg Weight	3.84	4.88	6.33
% of total /1	26%	32%	43%

To date/2003	776,978	742,692	1,461,251
To date/2002	888,326	758,322	1,414,830

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 16-Aug-2003
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	2,075	2,675	56	8	4,814
AVG WT	15.58	34.75	23.37	31.17	26.35
HEAD SLTR COMPARIONS					
LAST WEEK	1,842	2,726	94	13	4,675
SAME WK YR AGO	1,885	2,816	86	0	4,787
AVG WT	14.95	33.85	23.50	0.00	26.22
TO-DATE/2003	60,988	89,317	2,042	470	152,817
TO-DATE/2002	60,122	89,226	1,615	254	151,217

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.

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